

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
Commission Meeting
February 20th 2014

The Commission Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Thursday February 20, 2014, at The Sloppy Floyd Government Office Building 2 MLK Jr. Drive Atlanta, GA 30334.

The following Commissioners were present:	Others Present:
Rick Thompson- Chairman Hunter Towns- Vice Chairman (by phone) J.J. Biello Moses Ector Don Geary	Matt Woodruff- Executive Director Attorney General Office [Reagan Dean] David Oblas Megan Swartslander Dwayne Edmonds Troy Stone
	Jerrad Batten Cory Clark Byron Oglesby Jon Marigliano Justin Till

J.J. Biello established that a quorum was present and the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission meeting that were scheduled to begin at 11:00am and was called to order at 11:07am.

Board Elections. Moses Ector nominated Rick Thompson for Chairman. Don Geary seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0, to name Rick Thompson the Chairman. Commissioner Geary nominated Hunter Towns for Vice Chairman. Chairman Thompson seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to name Hunter Towns the Vice Chairman.

Motion to Approve the commission meeting minutes from January 23rd, 2014. Commissioner Ector makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Biello seconds and the Commission votes 4-0. Commissioner Geary did not vote because he was not on the board at that meeting.

Motion to Approve the 3/14/2014 Undisputed Productions event permit. Commissioner Ector makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Geary seconds and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 3/15/2014 Undisputed Productions event permit. Commissioner Ector makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Towns seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 3/8/2014 South Georgia Fighting Championship event permit. Commissioner Ector makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Geary seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

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Motion to Approve 3/15/2014 Lando Sports Promotions event permit. Commissioner Ector makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Towns seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve Top Alliance Combat promoter's license application. Commissioner Biello makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Geary seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve 4/12/2014 Top Alliance Combat event permit. Commissioner Ector makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Geary seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Request to Change the fight outcome of Chris Cain vs. CJ Hamilton from 1/25/2014. Executive Director Matt Woodruff stated that there was no video evidence to show an intentional eye poke. Reagan Dean, Attorney of GAEC, said that there is no legal authority in the professional MMA rules that would allow this change of decision to occur. Commissioner Biello makes a motion to deny the request based on the law. Vice Chairman Towns seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to deny.

Request for Approval of a professional license for Jerrad Batten. Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve for license with a completed amateur affidavit filled out and verified. Vice Chairman Towns seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Request for Approval of a professional license for Cory Clark. Commissioner Biello makes a motion to approve for Muay Thai license only, if he wants a pro MMA license he will have to come back in front of the board. Commissioner Ector seconds. Commissioner Geary feels that the fighter does not have enough Thai fights to turn pro. Chairman Thompson is okay with the Executive Director and the referee in the fight to keep him safe. The Commission votes 4-1 to approve for license.

Request for Approval of a professional license for Martez Barnes. Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve for a license; however he cannot fight until he comes in front of the Commission. Vice Chairman Towns seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Discussion of current Athletic Commission Rules:

Changes to the final card: Commissioner Geary makes a motion to deny this motion. Said they looked at this rule a few years previously. Commissioner Ector seconds and the Commission votes 5-0 to deny.

Referee Compensation: Chairman Thompson makes a motion to stop paying the MMA referee \$300 and go off of what the rule states. Commissioner Geary seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0. Commissioner Geary makes a motion to research other states pay for officials. Commissioner Biello seconds and the Commission votes 5-0 to have research done.

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Knocked out of the ring: Commissioner Geary makes a motion to deny this, saying it will be up to the referee if the fighter can continue or not. Commissioner Ector seconds and the Commission votes 5-0 to deny.

Foul Language: Commissioner Biello and Commissioner Geary are both happy with this rule. Commissioner Biello makes a motion to deny. Commissioner Geary seconds and the Commission votes 5-0 to deny.

Cleanly Shaven: Commissioner Geary makes a motion to start the process of removing this rule from the current rules. Commissioner Biello seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

10 second knock down for amateur MMA: Commissioner Geary makes a motion to start the process of removing this rule from the current rules. Commissioner Biello seconds and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Discussion with Byron Oglesby about matchmaking boxers towards the end of their careers. Mr. Oglesby has an issue with how matches are being reviewed and denied. Commissioner Geary said that the Commission's first job is fighter safety, and to approve a fight it must be safe. Chairman Thompson said the Executive Director makes sure that fights are safe and when they aren't he denies them. Commissioner Geary stated that Commission does not approve potential problems.

Attorney General's Report: Reagan Dean had nothing to report.

Executive Directors Report: Matt Woodruff stated that 2 fighters on the Route 30 Promotions show for February 23 would need board approval because of their age, and stated that the Commission had not seen any advanced medicals on either fighter. Chairman Thompson makes a motion to deny based on not meeting medical requirements. Commissioner Geary seconds and the Commission votes 5-0 to deny.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

David Oblas: Status of the smoker events from December. Mr. Woodruff said there is nothing to report.

Motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ector makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Geary seconds and the Commission voted 5-0 to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.